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OFFICE OF THE  
SCIENCE ADVISOR

The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Johnson:

Thank you for your letter dated June 28, 2017, to Administrator Scott Pruitt about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's scientific integrity program. You requested information and materials on four topics. I am pleased to provide the agency's response below.

1. Financial and full-time equivalent (FTE) resources expended in the Office of the Science Advisor (OSA) that include and support the Scientific Integrity Official (SIO) are provided below:

	FY 2014/2015	FY 2015/2016	FY 2016/2017	FY 2017/2018
<b>FTE</b>	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
<b>Salary</b>	\$304,252.30	\$346,043.34	\$368,879.30	\$327,881.59
<b>Travel</b>	\$4,684.73	\$11,226.43	\$6,502.70	
<b>Extramural</b>	\$2,524.00	\$241,384.36	\$210,720.50	\$204,763.40

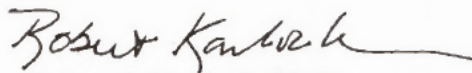
The Scientific Integrity Committee is comprised of Deputy Scientific Integrity Officials (DSIOs) who are typically Deputy Assistant Administrators and Deputy Regional Administrators. These members contribute time to the Committee at no additional cost to the agency.

2. Actions taken in accordance with EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy are authorized under and consistent with existing authorities, including applicable law and regulations, executive orders, and federal and EPA ethics, information, personnel rules, and policies. The EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy applies to all agency employees, including scientists, managers, and political appointees.
3. Since science is the backbone of the agency's decision-making, when setting up its scientific integrity structure, the EPA followed the model already successfully employed within the agency for ensuring compliance with ethics rules and regulations. This model includes a full-time EPA SIO supported by a small staff and DSIOs from across the agency.

4. The EPA's Scientific Integrity Committee consists of DSIOs from across the agency, and is chaired by the SIO. Committee members report to their Assistant Administrators (who are Senate-confirmed) or to their Regional Administrators (who are not Senate-confirmed). The SIO reports to the Director of the Office of the Science Advisor, who reports to the Agency Science Advisor, who has traditionally been the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research and Development (and who is Senate-confirmed).

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Christina Moody in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [moody.christina@epa.gov](mailto:moody.christina@epa.gov) or 202-564-0260.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kavlock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert J. Kavlock, Ph.D.  
EPA Science Advisor

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
Ranking Member